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Letter dated 7 May 2002 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

1. At present, 21 Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, which states as follows:

> "A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member."

2. The minimum payments necessary to reduce the amounts owed by those Member States on their contributions so that they remain below the gross amount assessed for the preceding two full years (2000-2001) are as follows:

Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Afghanistan	4 600
Burundi	47 000[a]
Central African Republic	297 800
Chad	11 700
Comoros	721 400[a]
Democratic Republic of the Congo	67 500
Dominica	596
Georgia	6 744 700[a]
Guinea-Bissau	436 600
Iraq	12 399 800
Kyrgyzstan	204 900
Liberia	1 068 200
Mauritania	11 700
Niger	327 500
Republic of Moldova	2 902 200[a]

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Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Sao Tome and Principe	567 000
Seychelles	2 400
Somalia	968 300
Tajikistan	1 866 550
Uzbekistan	1 377 300
Vanuatu	6 700

[a] By its decision 55/473 C of 25 July 2001, the General Assembly decided that Burundi, the Comoros, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova would be permitted to vote in the Assembly until 30 June 2002.

(*Signed*) Kofi Annan
Secretary-General